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MAKE IT UNMISTAKABLE

Residents of Kaimuki section voiced their sentiments on the frontage-tax plan of local improvement in no uncertain terms last night in the passage of a resolution asking the supervisors to inaugurate the system at an early date.

From time to time during the past few weeks there have been reports that the present board of supervisors will not give the new laws a trial during their term of office, fearing that the imposition of a property-frontage tax will alienate voters whom the tax hits. The Star-Bulletin believes that if the supervisors are convinced the majority of the people of Honolulu wish the law put into effect, it will be put into effect in 1914. Such meetings as that of the Kaimuki Improvement Club last night provide the surest possible way of convincing the board. The supervisors, through the chairman of the road committee, Mr. Petrie, say that by January 1 they hope to have a definite policy on improvement matters to announce. It is evident, then, that during November and December they will be formulating that policy. And just as evident is it that the various improvement clubs of the city should immediately join in the movement to impress upon the city fathers the necessity of establishing the frontage-tax system to quicken the pace of city progress.

The supervisors wish to "get the sentiment of the people." Now let that sentiment be voiced in favor of the frontage-tax plan and voiced in terms and tones that are unmistakable.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POSSIBILITIES

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce is one of the "live-wire" organizations of the Coast. Lacking the strength of the San Francisco Chamber because of physical limitations, it is behind no commercial body in ideals or in activities. A recent bulletin from this chamber shows the breadth of its work, and also suggests possibilities for the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce when that much-needed organization is completed:

Six thousand visitors were received at the Chamber of Commerce rooms during the past month; this organization entertained delegates to the international convention of Order of Hermann Sons; took on trolley trip delegates to district convention of the Fraternal Aid Society, granted use of assembly hall to Alameda County Floral Society for exhibit purposes, allowed use of rooms for organization of Automobile Owners' Association, placed assembly hall at the disposal of the Civic Center, Alameda County Civic Association, Tax Association, Oakland Chapter American Institute of Banking, and assisted in entertaining Congressmen Kettner and Knowland on inspection of harbor, and the California Press Association.

The secretary has attended meetings of Tourist Association of San Francisco bay and River counties by invitation, addressed the "Lodi Merchants' Association, and delegation from Stockton Chamber of Commerce, spoke to students of the Polytechnic College of Engineering, took part in meeting to promote ferry between Marin, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, appeared with State Highway Commissioner Hanes, and Engineer Loeder before the supervisors on highway matters, had conference with engineer of the state highway commission relative to new roads into Oakland, received appointment as local consul for Lincoln highway, consulted with railroad officials in matter of central traction depot for Oakland, wrote various harbor commissioners for data with regard to port regulations, and has taken up with transportation companies and holders of grants from city the matter of immediate utilization of concessions for steamship terminals.

THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN

Through the attractive agency of the Red Cross stamp campaign, the people of Honolulu are giving renewed attention to the warfare against tuberculosis.

From an educational standpoint a particularly favorable place to fight the white plague is in the school room, by properly instructing the children.

In addition to the excellent exhibits which are being displayed throughout the schools of the territory by the board of health, the College of Hawaii has a number of wall charts, models, microscopic preparations and standard reference books relating to tuberculosis.

This material is available without charge to teachers or other persons who wish to make use of it. The bacteriological laboratory of the college is open to all interested persons. The college is desirous of doing and is doing its share in Honolulu's anti-tuberculosis crusade.

WORCESTER'S HUMOR

The Hon. Dean C. Worcester, retiring secretary of the interior for the Philippines, smites hard when he smites, but he can smite and smile also. In the course of a speech at Manila remarkable for its grave condemnation of the administration's Philippine policy, there are many flashes of keen humor. At one point he told of the filing of his resignation some weeks earlier and of his efforts to leave the office (not unlike, by the way, Governor Frear's attempts to escape from the executive chair). Said Mr. Worcester: "Finally, to my profound satisfaction, I was allowed to retire on the last day of the period I had originally set during which I was willing to serve. I really feel, however, that I owe my Democratic friends an apology for depriving them of the pleasure of removing me from office, and hereby tender it."

VAIN IMAGININGS

It is just several months since the editor of the Star-Bulletin announced to the editor of the Advertiser that his main reason for objecting to Jarrett as sheriff was the fact that he kept "a crook like McDuffie in office."

Imagination's working well this morning.

The appointment of Dudley Field Malone to the collectorship of the port of New York is a significant move for the national administration to make at this time. Malone succeeds John Purroy Mitchel. He is a son-in-law of Senator O'Gorman and just at the close of the mayoralty fight came out strongly for Mitchel and against the Tammany boss, Murphy. It will be remembered that President Wilson refused to recognize the Tammany endorsement for collector of the port six months ago, naming Mitchel instead. The appointment of Malone now shows the determination of the national administration to force Democracy of the Tammany stripe out of power.

"Sunny Jim" McCandless is the latest to be quoted as knowing something about a proposed military commission government for Hawaii. That form of government will be established here only if the people of this territory prove themselves incapable of self-government. The recent forward strides in legislation and administration furnish unanswerable arguments in favor of home rule for Hawaii, and the appointment of a new territorial governor by the Wilson administration is proof per se that rule by military commission is not now contemplated.

The Advertiser put its case against McDuffie in the hands of the attorney-general's office. That office, after due consideration, decided that the charges and the evidence were not sufficient to take before a grand jury nor to justify Sheriff Jarrett in continuing the suspension of McDuffie. McDuffie was reinstated. The Advertiser now refuses to abide by the decision of the umpire named by itself. Speaking in the terms of sportsmanship, the morning paper won't play the game unless it can also give the decisions.

Warden John E. Hoyle of San Quentin penitentiary is being forced from office by prison board politics. Hoyle has made a splendid record at San Quentin for intelligent and humane treatment of prisoners. But state politics has always been the bane of the country's penal institutions. One of Hoyle's reforms was the abolition of prison stripes. He substituted uniforms of gray, and before he resigned, an order had gone out for gray uniforms for every man in San Quentin.

Maul should be represented in Honolulu during the Carnival Week and at least a Princess should be sent down for the Floral Parade. If some decorated autos and floats can be sent, it will be all the better for Maui's credit.—Maui News.

Good for Maui! If the Valley isle would enter a float it would be a distinct achievement in the way of all-Hawaii promotion.

Col. George W. Goethals says he will retire from public notice when he finishes the canal. About that time some enthusiast will come along and run him for president.

Great Britain is taking the course generally expected of Premier Asquith—keeping hands off.

This Mexican excitement is certainly hard lines for Mrs. Pankhurst.

'Tis fit indeed that the Colonel should make a speech in Buenos Aires.

The Monroe Doctrine is still able to be about.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

RED CROSS SUGGESTION.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: There is no more worthy cause than that of the Red Cross "Merry Christmas" sticker-stamp for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis campaign. They sell at 1 cent. Now we have no penny pieces in Hawaii—nothing less than a nickel. Here is a suggestion: Let the merchants buy a lot of these stamps and give stamps to customers for fractional change. That is to say, where a piece of dry goods, for example, is two yards for 25 cents, and the customer wants only one yard, which would be by rights, but 12½ cents, instead of charging said customer 15 cents, why not give him 10 cents change out of a quarter, and two of the 1-cent anti-tuberculosis Red Cross stamps? The money the stores make on the fact that we have no penny pieces might as well go for this splendid cause within the few days of the campaign's duration.—A suggestion from Hawaii's Sentinel.

REMARKS ON THE FRONTAGE TAX.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: I attended a meeting last night at the "Jingohani" school at Kaimuki, held under the auspices of the Waiālae, Palolo and Kaimuki Improvement Clubs, at which there was considerable animated discussion for and against the "frontage tax" system to be employed in relation to streets.

The subject itself has become thoroughly familiar to the people of the city. The only phase of the situation is in the method to be inaugurated regarding the taxation of the people of a district for the street work of that district.

While the discussion was varied during the meeting, it appeared much more so after the meeting had closed. From what the writer could learn from the aftermath discussion, there is a decided stand being taken against the "frontage tax" system as

a whole. It was put forward that it would create many new jobs for many new clerks (a condition that is overburdening this city at the present moment). That there would be so many irons in the fire that things would get astray, even with the best attention.

In the event of the "frontage tax" being put into practice, there was a majority in favor of taxing the property that abutted the new work, and of not going into the byways and side streets and taxing residents who are off the direct line of improvement. That feature was strongly condemned. The situation of "let him who dances, pay" and not the fellow who looks through the window at the dancers. When it becomes the turn of the man on the adjacent street to the improvement (who has been taxed for the improvement a couple of hundred feet away) to fix up his own street, it seems that he is in for a second tax, or taxed twice for street work—the first time on the street work that does not touch his property but he happened to be in the "zone," and the second time for the improvement of the street in front of his own property.

There was certainly a consensus of opinion that as the citizen had to pay for the street work in any event, it would be more of an evening-up process to raise the general tax per cent to a sufficient figure to do the work required to make a city beautiful.

Educating the people up to the idea of being taxed extra heavy for absolutely needed street work will be a task of much magnitude.

Educating the people to a sense of economy in public administration is much more to be desired in the present instance and the city beautiful will follow as a natural consequence. Economy will successfully work out what forced taxation will never accomplish. Economy will cut down a force of clerks and other employees that is without question entirely beyond the requirements of this city.

You, Mr. Editor, remarked a short time ago that Mr. Mott-Smith was sadly in need of a vacation as he had been doing three men's work for a long time. He should have remained here and posed as a curiosity. I have generally found it here that it takes three men to do one man's work where the government or municipality is concerned.

OBSERVER.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—R. W. BRECKONS: Yes, I consider myself an authority on dentists now. And if you're going to consult me about it I'll have to charge a fee.

—C. C. KENNEDY: Hilo is having welcome rains after one of the finest but driest summers for years. Hamakua is also having a good rainfall, which is filling the ditches and will be of great benefit to the plantations.

—JOSHUA D. TUCKER: It's funny how some mainlanders come down here expecting to find good land they can buy at \$1 to \$5 an acre. And they come every few days. Hawaii is a paradise all right, but it's not that kind of a paradise.

—LLOYD R. KILLAM: Fred B. Smith writes that no Y. M. C. A. is on the map that does not give first place this week to the world's week of prayer. The Honolulu association continues to hold its place on the map.

—W. R. CASTLE: Yes, Mr. Farrington is exactly right—"Our country, right or wrong!" whenever the trouble really arises. But till then every patriot will oppose, by all means in his power, the mistaken or vicious policy which would plunge the country into a war without justification, except the crude notion that it is our affair, and not that of Mexico what sort of a ruler or dictator or president it will have.

—DR. J. S. B. PRATT: Now is the time to begin the campaign of mosquito prevention. All householders should make it their daily duty to see that old tin cans, buckets, gutters and other outdoor receptacles be kept empty, permitting no water to stagnate or debris to accumulate on their premises. Such vigilance will require only a minute or two every day or two and will save great trouble later.

—JAMES W. ROBERTSON: Speaking of Captain T. Clarke's contemplated trip to the Canal zone, recalls to my mind that it is nearly 46 years ago that I first left the islands, and I have made two trips during that time. I crossed the isthmus of Panama in April, 1868, destined for New

Personal Mention

MRS. G. FRED B. BUSH has taken charge of a cooking class for young married women, which meets at the Palama Settlement each Tuesday morning.

WILLIAM PAYNE, a lumberman from the Philippines, was numbered among the through passengers en route to the States in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria.

FIRST LIEUT. J. L. TOPHAM, Jr., 1st infantry, who has been stationed at San Francisco, will not arrive in Honolulu on the transport Sherman as expected, owing to the illness of Mrs. Topham.

J. H. ARNOLD, an American consular representative, located at Foochow, China, was numbered among the passengers proceeding to the mainland in the Pacific Mail steamer Manchuria.

CONRAD P. HATHAWAY, private secretary to former Governor-general W. Cameron Forbes of the Philippines, is returning to the mainland as a passenger in the steamer Manchuria. Governor-general Forbes proceeded to the States by the way of India and Europe. Hathaway remained behind to close up several business matters.

C. H. DICKEY, former senator from Maui, who, with Mrs. Dickey and their two children, has been spending the past several months on the mainland, will not return to Honolulu as intended, but will remain in Southern California over Christmas, dividing the time at the residence of his brother, C. W. Dickey, at Oakland, and on the A. M. Merrill ranch at Montezuma, Solano county. Mrs. Dickey recently returned from a trip to Europe, and was met in Chicago by her husband.

York, and again made the journey in 1871, returning to San Francisco. Crossing the isthmus at the same time were Mrs. P. C. Jones, her son Eddie and daughter Adele. The next time that I visit New York I intend to proceed by the way of the new canal.

FOR RENT

Kalaikau Avenue	4 bedrooms	\$60.00
Pikoi Street	3 bedrooms	\$45.00
Aloha Lane	2 bedrooms	20.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms	45.00

FOR SALE

College Hills	House and lot	7350.00
Wilder Ave. & Kewalo St.	House and lot	7500.00
Anapuni Street	House and lot	4500.00
Pikoi Street	House and lot, including furniture	6500.00
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Young Street	House and lot	2500.00
Parker Street, College Hills	Lot	2500.00

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ELIGIBLES NOT ANXIOUS TO JOIN FORCE

Eligibles on the civil service lists and in line for appointment to the police force in the capacity of foot patrolmen appear to shy at the chance of arraying themselves in the somber blue uniforms, decorated with the badge of authority as members of Honolulu's "finest."

"Several men who successfully passed the necessary examination before the civil service commission, when summoned to my office yesterday, declined to accept the position of foot patrolmen," sighed Sheriff Jarrett this morning as he fingered a list of possibilities and mused over the fickleness of mankind, especially the office-seeking kind.

"There was a time not many weeks ago that this office was besieged with applicants for positions on the police force," continued Jarrett. "Whenever the report went forth that a member of the force had been dropped or even suspended, the rank and file of the job-chasers made a bee line for this place, with a view of landing what they at first believed was a soft snap."

It appears that when the varied duties of a policeman were explained to the applicants, many of them demurred at the exactions demanded and quietly but politely side-stepped.

In some instances, several failed to notify the sheriff that they had abandoned the hope of becoming a minion of the law, and merely faded away. Others promised to sleep over the proposition, and let the head of the

JUDGE COOPER FAILS TO ADVISE SON OF HIS RESIGNATION

Alfred Cooper, son of Judge Henry E. Cooper of the circuit court, is in receipt of a letter from his father, dated at Boston, October 25, in which the judge states that his leave of absence has been extended until December 1, but fails to mention the fact that he has resigned from the bench, notwithstanding the fact that on the day previous a communication was received in Honolulu stating that he had resigned. Following this information the Washington correspondent of the Star-Bulletin wrote also under date of October 25, stating that Judge Cooper was leaving the bench in order to devote his entire time to his business interests, including the Palmyra island property.

KALIHI-WAENA SCHOOL TO OBSERVE ARBOR DAY

Arbor day will be appropriately observed by the Kalihi-waena school. There will be a special program of songs, exercises and addresses. Supervisor Pacheco being one of the speakers. Golden shower is to be planted by the children.

department know of their decision in the morning.

James McPherson, who has resided in this city for some years, was today selected from the civil service list for the position of mounted police officer, paying \$100 a month. Out of this salary the officer must care for his mount.

Sheriff Jarrett is expecting another installment of names from the civil service commission, with a hope that he may succeed in landing one or two persons who really pine for the job of policeman.

Bargains in Lots

Four lots—50 x 100' each—for sale as a whole at \$200. This land cannot run away, and should enable its purchaser to double or more than double his money in a short time.

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